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[REDACTED], Acting Assistant Director
Chairman, Committee on Procurement of Foreign
Publications
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington 25, D. C.

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Dear [REDACTED]:

I am pleased to note that your letter of October 27
refers to the service which this Department is pro-
viding through the Bibliography of Agriculture.

Your suggestion concerning the reporting by Government
travelers on foreign publications acquired on official
trips is one that has had attention recently in our
Department. Following the agricultural team visits by
our specialists to Russia, we have worked out a system
for the reporting of publications on an individual and
informal basis. However, consideration is being given
to the development of official guide lines to cover
such collecting by USDA travelers. All Library acqui-
sitions from Slavic countries are listed in the Bibli-
ography of Agriculture and, in addition, are reported
to the Library of Congress for their special accessions
lists.

Sincerely yours,

Ralph S. Roberts
Administrative Assistant Secretary

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